

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT application of:

Applicant: Horace Winston Hale et al.  
Application No: 10/651,871  
Filing Date: August 29, 2003  
Title: FACET IMPLANT  
Examiner: David C. Comstock  
Art Unit: 3733  
Docket No. HORA.P0101US

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.)

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed or filed on . (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on <>.
  - iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
  - iv. ☐ Other:

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ one ☐ two ☐ three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

**3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No 18-0988 (under the above-shown Docket No.)
  - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ <> .

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be Included on this form. Provide credit card Information and authorization on PTO-2038.

- d. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 18-0988 (under the above-shown Docket No.)

Respectfully submitted,

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